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INTERBODY FUSION DEVICE AND) February 3, 2005
METHOD FOR RESTORATION OF)
NORMAL SPINAL ANATOMY)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicant's attorney has requested in a separate paper that the date for responding to the non-final Office Action be extended one (1) month, up to and including February 4, 2005. The statutory fee of \$120.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for this extension request is enclosed herewith. Additionally, please provide any necessary extensions of time and charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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